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Last Thursday, the Assembly passed the Foxconn bill. Now it is time for the Senate to do the same.

Wisconsin has many unique assets and Foxconn executives understand this. First, we have a substantial supply of fresh water. States located on the East Coast, in the South and out West in the mountains and deserts do not have the world's largest source of fresh water at their disposal. Growing industries need water for manufacturing, their workforce and their food supply.

Second, we have a hardworking labor force. Over many generations, our manufacturing and farming history has created a work ethic that is envied by most other states and is now part of our DNA here in Wisconsin.

Third, we have great schools. Great businesses need an ongoing supply of smart, hardworking people. Many school districts in this state, including almost all of the schools in Waukesha County along with our strong network of private schools, are the envy of many states across the nation and continually receive national recognition for achievement and innovation. This great feeder system supplies our excellent secondary education system. Wisconsin's world-class universities, including UW-Madison, Marquette and MSOE, provide great four-year educations and beyond. Combined with cutting-edge technical schools like WCTC, MATC and a host of others, you have a one-two punch that can sustain even the most technologically advanced industries in the world.

Finally, we don't just say we are pro-business, we have done the heavy lifting and proven we are indeed open for business. Thanks to all the hard work Governor Walker and the Legislature have done since 2010, beginning with Act 10 and through to Right to Work, Wisconsin has proven to the rest of the country and the world that we will take the risks and make the tough choices that guarantee long-term success. This is exactly what a growing company like Foxconn is looking for.

Like the sun and the moon this week, the planets have aligned to bring Wisconsin to the forefront of the national stage, highlighting the wonderful natural resources, workforce and world-class educational opportunities that truly set us apart.

Wisconsin Senate, let's carry this great opportunity across the finish line.

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